



REGULAR MEETING

November 29, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:00 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Commissioners

Kathryn Eckert, At-Large (via phone from Leland, MI)

Tom Nemacheck, State of Michigan

Kim Hoagland, At-Large

Paul Lehto, Calumet Township

Sue Cone, Village of Calumet

Bob Langseth, Houghton County

Clyde Raasio, Quincy and Franklin Townships

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Frank Fiala, Superintendent

Tom Baker, Management Assistant

Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect

Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services

Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education

Brian Hoduski, Museum Curator

Jo Urion, Historian

John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect

Dan Johnson, Quincy Unit Interpretive Specialist

Betsy Rossini, Administrative Officer

Katie Nessly, Volunteer

Recording Secretary

Melissa Davis

Guests

Dave Bishop, Ontonagon Historical Society

Bruce Johanson, Ontonagon Historical Society

Garett Neese, Daily Mining Gazette

Michael Matts, Strategic Planning Consultant to Keweenaw NHP Adv.

Comm.

Julie Sprenger, Laurium Manor Inn

Paul Campbell

Dave Grahek
Diana Charles, Senator Levin's Office
Sheri Davie, Senator Stabenow's Office
Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office
Tom Tikkanen, Main Street Calumet
Ed Yarbrough, Quincy Mine Hoist Association
Jill Burkland, Isle Royale National History Association
Dennis Raasio
Babette Jokela, Calumet Theater
Ron Cavallaro

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no objections.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Lehto and seconded by Langseth to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2005 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (7/0).

V. BUSINESS

A. PARK REPORTS:

I. FRANK FIALA

- a) **The Union Building** is virtually completed, with the exception of a short punch-list to be completed by the first week in December. The lamps are lit on the front of the building for the first time in a long while. The building has been saved and will be a crucial park building and resource for another hundred years.
- b) **The Park Headquarters** building is in the process of finalizing the design development plans, which will become construction drawings. It is hoped to be available for contracting by the first of May, with the bid out and awarded sometime in August for a start in September '07. That will necessitate a complete move of the staff from the building. It will hopefully be wrapped up within a year, ready for the park's 15th anniversary, October of 2007. The upstairs of the River Valley State Bank is a possible temporary relocation site. It might need to be upgraded to accommodate the park's communication needs.
- c) **The bid for the Keweenaw History Center's** fire suppression system came in at twice the amount of the available funds, so it is being re-bid. It

should be available for bid with the completion of this fiscal year. There is another \$300,000 for health safety issues to resolve in the building for access, the boilers, and to make the building more presentable.

- d) **The Quincy Pay Office** awaits drawings from consultants for a roof project and windows and is expected to be done next summer. The roof will probably be contracted out, because the slate will be replaced with slate. The windows will have an upgrade, along with the exterior trim, the masonry, and some inside work, all of which will occur this fiscal year.
- e) Money is also available for **houses on Quincy Hill** that the Quincy Mine Hoist Association owns. The park will be working with them to get that project done this next year.
- f) **The Quincy Smelter Project** has completed a mitigation from the Superfund and the Emergency Response Team concerns. EPA has agreed to de-list it in a two-year period. It is possible that that section of the Superfund might be de-listed a little bit sooner. The State has agreed to do its part. The Franklin Township is in the process of forming a Brownfield Development Authority, which is required for tapping the state's Brownfield monies. The Advisory Commission should be involved in approaching the partners that will make the facility a reality. Kim Hoagland asked Frank to clarify 'brownfield.' Brownfield is a state program that brings old industrial areas back into service, similar to the Greenfield programs for green spaces. Brownfield monies are used to rehabilitate buildings back into economic development. Paul Lehto said that in this case, the DEQ would come in and do a brownfield assessment, and then Franklin Township would be eligible for Brownfield money, then turn the properties back into public use.
- g) **The Seaman Mineral Museum** relocation onto Quincy Hill: There will be a planning session on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 in the Cherry Room at Wadsworth Hall at MTU. It's a brainstorming session, a charette being done by a consultation team that they have engaged to look at the proposed designs of the facility. The Park has been heavily involved in the process for quite a while, and the project seems to be moving forward.
- h) **The Scott Hotel** project in Hancock has hit a snag with certification by the NPS at the Washington Office. The owner is working to sort through it, along with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Advisory Commission needs to write a letter of support regarding what that project means to the City of Hancock and the tax incentive program. The Scott Hotel is a prominent structure in the City of Hancock, a gateway community. It is important to save as many historic structures as possible, and as it is outside of park boundaries, this body should consider endorsing it. It did pass design review at the State level, SHPO approved the project.

- i) **The River Valley State Bank** relocation memorandum of agreement has been signed by the Advisory Council, the FDIC, the bank and the park as a co-signature. That project will resume in the near future. The park was able to participate in the design, and John Rosemurgy and Steve Delong were able to make the building more historically compatible. John contributed that the footprint and the massing have been determined and the park participated in adjusting the fenestration, and some of the proportions. River Valley has been receptive and the process has been well received by the architect, the owner, and the developer.
 - j) **YCC Program** has been funded.
 - k) **The Servicewide Comprehensive Call** is due December 31. The park has been engaged in administrative requirements for the past few months, and has been establishing priorities for projects by examining projects that are currently in the system, and respond to the servicewide call. The programs want 5-year projects laid out, extremely difficult in this sort of park. Frank solicited ideas or recommendations for projects that may be applicable to the variety of different funding sources.
 - l) **The Copper Country Trail** received designation from the bridge to the end of Highway 41 as a scenic byway. The Park played a major role in and gave considerable input to the plan, working with Keweenaw County, and will continue to do so.
 - m) **Transportation Plan** detailing alternative transportation planning effort in conjunction with MTU has come back
 He then called upon park staff to present reports concerning their respective programs:
- 2. **ABBY SUE FISHER** Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical Services
 - a) **o6 Division Work plan**
 - b) **Volunteers**
 - c) **Experience Works Program**
 - d) **Hurricane Katrina assistance to Gulf Island – Wei T'o Book Dyer**
 - e) **Cultural Landscape Report for Quincy Unit**
 - f) **Historic Structures Report for library**
 - g) **Scope of Collection Statement deadline extended to January 1, 2006.**
 - h) **Fourth Thursday in History**
 - i) **Fourth Annual High School Local History Smackdown** to be held in April at the Calumet Theater.
 - 3. **KATHLEEN HARTER** Chief of Interpretation & Education handed out:

- a) **Statistics (including attendance) from year 2005**
 - b) **Servicewide Interpretive Report**
 - c) **Volunteer Summer Report**
 - d) **Calumet Industrial Core Walking Tour Brochure**, the printing of which was funded by the Isle Royale Natural History Association. Proceeds (\$1.25 per brochure) will go to fund the Calumet Walking Tour Brochure.
 - e) **Union Building Interpretive Displays**
4. **JOHN ROSEMURGY** Historical Architect
- a) **Quincy Site** ruins were stabilized this summer
 - b) **Quincy Mine Office Historic Structures Reports**
 - c) **Historic District Commission Design Guidelines**; have received comments from State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
 - d) **Technical Assistance**
 - e) **Chassell Historical Society**, owners of the former Chassell school, are interested in the National Register Nomination. The NPS is assisting them in writing the physical description for that nomination. They also may seek cooperating site status. They are the current home of Friends of Fashion.
 - f) **The first residential tax credit project** was approved within the Laurium National Register Nomination District
5. **STEVE DE LONG** Landscape Architect
- a) **Training Events** for Cultural Landscape Inventory and Cultural Landscape Report Issues.
 - b) **YCC site cleanup** at Old Victoria
 - c) **Cultural Landscape Report** for Quincy Unit
 - d) **Drafts of Signage** The same symbols and graphics identity package will be used on the signage, internet, maps, park newsletter, and the unigrid brochure. It is part of a graphics identity program being implemented by the Park Service.
- Langseth asked for an update on the highway signage marking the entrance and the exit to the park. Steve responded that money has been requested for gateway signage for the past two years, but has not yet materialized.
6. **TOM BAKER** Management Assistant
- a) **Expired Seats on the Commission:** Tom placed ads for the expired at-large position currently filled by Kathryn Eckert, and has received four resumes to date. He anticipates two or three more. The closing date for the

resumes is Wednesday, Nov. 30. Kathryn has reached the term limit set forth in the legislation of the park, and so will be replaced. She will continue to serve until the Secretary of the Interior makes the next appointment. Ads were placed in the Daily Mining Gazette, the Marquette Mining Journal, and the Detroit News/Free Press. Also anticipated are nominations from the charter Township of Calumet, Houghton County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan, and Quincy/Franklin Townships for their respective expired seats. Letters were sent to those agencies under the Superintendent's signature in mid-October and they are also due Nov. 30. All nominations will be forwarded through the regional office to the Secretary of Interior for appointment.

b) The Cooperating Sites' fall meeting

- c) **Draft NPS Management Policies 2006** Baker advised the Commission to carefully review the document, especially the introduction, the chapter on cultural resources management, and the chapter on the use of the parks. The document can be accessed through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website. He emphasized the importance of this policy document for the NPS and its impact on the future of the NPS. The public interface tool is the PEPC website. He has been working with the park staff and the partnerships committee to develop criteria, and an application and evaluation process for a formal Cooperating Sites program. The committee will present these documents for the commission's consideration. He thanked the staff and Bob, Tom and Clyde for their efforts.

Langseth mentioned that he'd read the introduction to the Draft NPS Management Policies 2006 and expressed concern on the wording, especially their knocking out the preservation ethic as he understands it, substituting the words 'conserve,' 'protect,' etc. with different meanings than the traditional intent.

Langseth suggested that the Commission prepare an official response to these changes. Kathryn Eckert suggested that Michael Matts facilitate this process. The deadline for comment is on January 11, 2006 to the Regional Office, but the Commission can comment directly to the Secretary. Tom encouraged the Commission to comment individually through the PEPC system and formulate a consolidated written response to the Secretary as well.

Hoagland agreed to write a letter for the Scott Hotel, get the Commission's approval, then send it out.

Break

Reconvened. Raasio left.

B. COMMISSION REPORTS

- I. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Nemacheck reported that the Committee met and revised the Keweenaw Heritage Sites criteria. They agreed that the term 'cooperating sites' is confusing, and came up with the term 'Keweenaw Heritage Sites.' The Partnerships Committee is bringing it to the Commission body for consideration of endorsing this name.

Moved by Lehto, seconded by Langseth that the Committee adopt the name 'Keweenaw Heritage Sites,' instead of 'Cooperating Sites.'

Motion carried unanimously (6/o)

Nemacheck suggested that the criteria be submitted to the Commission for review. Recommended changes include, in the 'Process' form, underneath 'Keweenaw Heritage Sites Criteria,' to change the makeup of the standing committee under "New Applicants, Item A," to: two park staff members and three members of the Commission. Additionally, the note on the bottom that states that current sites are not grandfathered in, be changed to the fact that they are heritage sites as they sit today. They will be held to the same standards that have been drawn up, and there will be an annual review to the sites applying the standards to them. They are being asked to attend a semi-annual meeting. The Selection Committee will do the annual reviews.

Moved by Cone, seconded by Langseth, to accept the revisions to the document with its approved changes to the Keweenaw Heritage Sites Criteria, namely, to strike "At the Outset of this formalized program, all existing sites will be required to complete the application for status, and be scrutinized in the same manner as any candidate site. Existing sites, etc." to "Sites currently designated under the existing informal Cooperating Sites arrangement will be automatically 'grandfathered' in to the new formal Keweenaw Heritage Sites Program."

Motion carried unanimously (6/o)

2. BUDGET

- a) **Membership dues** were sent to the preordained organizations, but two were left off the list: the Ontonagon Historical Society and the Chassell Historical Society.

Lehto moved, Langseth seconded to apply for membership to these organizations.

Motion carried unanimously (6/o)

- b) **Priorities for the year:** Developing the protocols and guidelines for how the Commission is to interact with the park.

Cone moved, Nemacheck seconded that the Commission hire Michael Matts, on behalf of the Commission, to work up the Protocols and

Guidelines with the National Park Service with a progress report back by the next Commission meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (6/o).

c) **Vacancies on the Commission:** Hoagland voiced sentiment among commissioners that Rev. Langseth, Clyde Raasio and Tom Nemacheck, who are eligible for reappointment to be encouraged to reappoint. Frank encouraged the Commission to write a letter stating that they are eligible.

VI. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF

- A. Diana Charles from Senator Levin's office commended the park and all its efforts.
- B. Sheri Davie from Senator Stabenow's office commended the advocacy of the brownfield projects, sees that as a great solution, and mentioned that their office would be happy to support it with the state.
- C. Amy Wisti congratulated the group for all the hard work they are doing and encouraged everyone to talk to the congressman Stupak.

VI. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- A. **Ed Yarbrough**, on behalf of the **Quincy Mine Hoist Association**, has been involved in meetings with the Cooperating Sites, the Seaman Mineral Museum development and planning, and the Main Street Calumet Design Committee. Visitation is down at Quincy, but with help from the interpretive division, efforts are being made to improve media, marketing and advertising in the coming year. Plans include the restoration of the company house by the cooling pond for use as an interpretive experience for the way miners lived. Grants are being sought for the onsite locomotives and roundhouse. The KNHP visitor desk has been a boon, especially for other cooperating sites, helping visitors to decide their destination. The ADA-compliant loading docks for the tram that Steve De Long designed, and John's help with the round house grant have been very helpful. He looks forward to staff training with Kathleen and Dan in the spring.
- B. **Julie Sprenger** from the **Laurium Manor Inn** is pleased to see the signage progress. They've hired a marketing company. Attendance was slightly up this year. They've been painting and doing exterior enhancements.
- C. **Jill Burkland**, **Isle Royale Natural History Association**, has opened a small sales office in the Park Headquarters. They hope to distribute the walking tour brochure to the community. Keweenaw Heritage Center has received a grant to do a food exhibit, *Key Ingredients*, with the Smithsonian traveling exhibit and the Michigan Department of the Humanities. They are looking at a project with children with sets of local ethnic recipe cards, partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

- D. **Tom Tikkanen** invited everyone to attend the upcoming Poor Artists Sale. He expressed enthusiasm for the improvements on Fifth Street, and encouraged the Park to continue in its efforts.
- E. **Dave Bishop** wanted to know when the Commission will be accepting applications for Heritage Site Status, and found out it will be sometime near October 2006, January 2007 at the latest.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2006 at the park headquarters in Calumet. The rest of the schedule for 2006 is determined to be May 9, 2006; August 1, 2006; October 24, 2006.

Moved by Hoagland, seconded by Cone, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (6/o)

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by

Melissa Davis

December 9, 2005